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1. Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme is a non-governmental organization (NGO) for international solidarity committed to protecting and promoting fundamental human rights. It supports projects in some 30 countries of the South and the East, primarily in Africa and Latin America but also in Central and Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mandate consists of promoting the rights and freedoms set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other founding documents, such as the African Charter on Human and People's Rights, the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, the American Convention on Human Rights and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme fosters the growth and development of community action groups or associations working to defend and promote civil and political rights. The organization provides these grass-roots associations with financial, material or technical support.

B. Significant changes in the organization

Amendments to the internal organizational rules, including: the composition of the board of directors; the procedures for membership; the time needed to convene meetings; and the availability of welfare funds.

II. Contribution to the activities of the United Nations

The primary objective of Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme is to support the efforts of grass-roots associations in countries of the South or East for the promotion and protection of human rights. The organization regularly circulates information on United Nations activities and resolutions to its partner associations in the field. Between 2006 and 2009, several articles on United Nations activities were published in the organization's monthly newsletter. Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme believes that it is making a modest contribution to the work of the United Nations by striving to act as a focal point between the United Nations and community-based associations.

A. Participation in the activities of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

From 2006 to 2009, Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme systematically appointed representatives who followed all sessions of the Human Rights Council. The organization helps the representatives of its partner associations in the field to participate in sessions of the Human Rights Council. The organization has also submitted several written statements and delivered a number of oral statements to the Human Rights Council.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme is focused on regular participation in the work of the Human Rights Council. The organization cooperates with some offices of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. It has cooperated with the Special Rapporteurs of the United Nations on a number of occasions and, in 2008, brought a case before the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances concerning the disappearance of a Rwandan parliamentarian. Moreover, the organization is part of an international network of NGOs that issue urgent warnings in cases of individual human rights violations.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

While the organization has not developed specific initiatives with respect to the Millennium Development Goals, it has attached particular importance to the achievement of Goal 3 (promoting gender equality and empowering women) in its partnerships with community-based associations whose projects it supports. This includes providing material and financial support for a project to combat trafficking in women from Central and Eastern Europe for sexual exploitation; a project to combat female genital mutilation in Mali; and a project to promote the rights of Dalit women ("untouchables") in India.

2. Association européenne des cheminots

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

The Association européenne des cheminots, including the families of its members, comprises approximately 10,000 persons spread throughout 15 European Union countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association is also represented at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, where it focuses on the work of the United Nations in the following four key areas:

the fight against poverty; the advancement of women worldwide; intercultural dialogue among civilizations; and the struggle for sustainable development.

II. Contribution to the activities of the United Nations

The organization participates in conferences and various meetings on the situation of women and closely follows the problems posed by intermodal transport in Europe. It also participates in the annual meetings of the Economic and Social Council held at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris. The Association holds statutory meetings and seminars at the initiative of national branches. Alongside other NGOs, it has participated in a campaign to protect the rights of the Roma population throughout the world, and particularly in Europe, under the patronage of the Council. The Association has also participated in the Support Committee to the North-South Dialogue with a view to building bonds of trust and mutual assistance with non-European Mediterranean countries, particularly in the Maghreb and the Middle East, including projects to establish closer ties with North African countries. In 2008, the Association initiated contacts with representatives of railways in the Russian Federation. These contacts should be further developed.

Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

By enhancing the North-South dialogue between Europe and Africa, the Association's permanent delegation to the Council of Europe is also taking part in the collective effort to establish a more secure peace in the world. It has formulated several initiatives that have been taken up by the Rapporteurs. Its delegation to the Council of Europe participates intensively in all consultations and round tables on sustainable development issues.

3. Association pour la formation et l'insertion sociale de l'adolescent et de la femme

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

The Association pour la formation et l'insertion sociale de l'adolescent et de la femme participated in a joint project developed by several associations under the umbrella organization known as the Collective of Women's Advocacy Organizations in Cameroon. The MDG-themed project took place in 2006, 2007 and 2008 in Cameroon's main cities and in 10 of its regions. Its purpose was to build the capacity of women's networks.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association pursues a number of objectives in the areas of education, training, awareness-raising and employment. Its aims are to educate, raise

awareness among and train young people and women in environmental protection, the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS and about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, crime and prostitution, in order to ensure full participation in the sustainable development process.

II. Contribution to the activities of the United Nations

With respect to the activities of the United Nations, the Association has commemorated International Women's Day by holding seminars, sporting events, parades and awareness-raising talks on health issues. It has also held several activities to celebrate various international days relevant to women and young people. Through the Collective, the organization has organized or participated in seminars in the following four areas: law (training and awareness-raising on women's fundamental rights); management, savings and credit; health and community development; and information and communications technologies.

A. Participation in the activities of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

Financial difficulties are preventing the organization from attending meetings regularly. Nevertheless, it participated in the 2006, 2007 and 2008 sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, as well as sessions of the Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information for NGOs, such as the fifty-ninth conference on partnerships for human security and sustainable development.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

On Rural Women's Day in 2009, the organization held a training session in Yaoundé on the conversion of plantains into flour, a small trade fair and a products sale. Other activities include the creation of a focus group to devise strategies for strengthening networks of women's associations, thereby enabling them to contribute more effectively to poverty reduction. The organization also held a seminar on harvest conservation and compost preparation, and a pledging conference to raise funds for associations that train women to manage microprojects in order to better combat poverty. The organization participates in various seminars, conferences and meetings with a view, inter alia, to improving maternal health, combating genital mutilation and providing care for children with chronic diseases.

4. Association pour la promotion de l'emploi et du logement

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

The Association pour la promotion de l'emploi et du logement (APEL) is an NGO that was established in 1972 by a group of Tunisian volunteers to provide

services in disadvantaged rural areas in forest and mountain regions of north-western Tunisia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of APEL are to contribute to integrated rural development (social and economic human rights) and to participate in national, regional and international efforts to achieve sustainable development. APEL is a field-based NGO that also provides training. It has a four-track strategy: field, training and education activities; information and communication; implementation of development projects; and organization of rural, integrated and sustainable grass-roots groups.

II. Contribution to the activities of the United Nations

APEL has taken part in a number of outreach and training seminars and workshops on global themes such as sustainable development, women, social and economic rights and political and democratic rights, in cooperation with the Tunis offices of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Information Centre, the Global Environment Facility and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, and with technical cooperation from a number of States.

A. Participation in the activities of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

- Seminar on citizens, civil society and reform of the public sector in the Arab region, in Beirut, 2006
- Meetings, contacts and sharing of experiences with NGO partners, in Mauritania and Morocco, 2006
- Training session on youth employment problems, in Turin, Italy, 2006
- Seminar on cooperation in Naples, Italy, 2006
- Fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York
- Training session on policies and good practices for professional training in Turin, 2008
- Workshop on the strategy for the promotion and sustainability of telecentres, in Mannheim, Germany, 2008
- Seminar on sensitization of European society to North-South relations, in Madrid, Spain, 2009.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

APEL is a member of the Global Environment Facility national steering committee. It has taken part in more than 15 meetings at which decisions were taken after consideration of the financial records of more than 39 projects. In association

with the Department of Public Information, APEL collaborated with the United Nations Information Centre in Tunis through field outreach visits to Tunisian NGOs, sessions to raise public awareness of United Nations matters, held at the Centre's headquarters in Tunis and/or at the APEL induction, training, documentation, study and research centre, situated in Tabarka, in north-western Tunisia. Training sessions financed and supported by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) are also held at the induction centre. As a member of the Planetary Society of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), APEL has had the task of disseminating the culture of UNESCO to the beneficiaries of its projects.

5. Centre de recherches et de promotion pour la sauvegarde des sites et monuments historiques en Afrique

General, 1998

I. Introduction

The Centre de recherches et de promotion pour la sauvegarde des sites et monuments historiques en Afrique is an NGO of international scope. Its organizational structure comprises three head offices, in Senegal (Dakar), South Africa (Cape Town) and the United States (New York), eight African subregional offices and five continental representative bureaux.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Centre has more than 20 years of experience of participating in, coordinating and taking action on African policies for safeguarding movable and immovable cultural heritage as well as intangible heritage by assisting States members in establishing administrative structures for protecting and conserving heritage. It also provides assistance for the design and implementation of projects to safeguard historical sites and monuments across the five continents.

II. Contribution to the activities of the United Nations

In 2009, the Centre took part in the following meetings:

- Forty-seventh session of the Commission for Social Development
- Fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women
- Forty-second session of the Commission on Population and Development.

A. Participation in the activities of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The Centre took part in the meeting of NGOs in Doha in 2008.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Centre has official working and cooperation relationships with UNESCO, UNDP and FAO in the context of a biodiversity project launched in Ferlo, in northern Senegal, over an area of 50,000 hectares.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Our representatives and volunteers are active at the national and regional levels, take part in meetings and seminars and organize vocational training workshops on the conservation of historical sites and monuments and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

D. Additional information

The Centre celebrated the International Day of the World's Indigenous People in 2009. The Centre also celebrates and participates in World Habitat Day on 5 October each year.

6. Collectif sénégalais des Africaines pour la promotion de l'éducation relative à l'environnement

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

The membership of the Collectif sénégalais des Africaines pour la promotion de l'éducation relative à l'environnement consists primarily of women interested in environmental education and training in the interests of sustainable development. It coordinates the francophone network for the promotion of environmental education in West Africa. The Collectif is a member of a number of national and international groups and networks.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- To identify clearly Africa's environmental priorities
- To establish conditions for the effective participation of African populations, and of children in particular, in raising the human development index
- To prepare the young people of the continent for active solidarity and the battle for a more just and equitable world
- To mobilize Africans in general, and women teachers in particular, to promote environmental education
- To give pupils and the general public the knowledge and skills necessary for the identification and resolution of environmental problems.

II. Contribution to the activities of the United Nations

The organization's contributions relate primarily to:

- Preparation of the country reports submitted by Senegal to various United Nations bodies
- Online forums on gender, reform of the United Nations system, female genital mutilation in West Africa and water management
- Programmes to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Publicizing the campaign launched by the Secretary-General on 25 February 2008: UNiTE to end violence against women.

A. Participation in the activities of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

- Fifty-second and fifty-third sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women
- Durban Review Conference, Geneva, in 2009, on follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance
- Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women, Banjul, in 2009, preparing for the 15-year review of implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Beijing+15)
- Fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, at Copenhagen in 2009.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- Celebration of World Environment Day in Dakar
- Celebration of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification in 2006, with the publication of a booklet of children's poems and drawings and organization of a forum in Dakar on the topic of waste management as a factor to fight desertification
- Organization of an awareness day for Dakar schools on climate change and the protection of coastal areas
- Celebration of World Habitat Day in October 2007.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Capacity-building for women at the grass-roots level, to teach them strategies to combat poverty through good environmental management. Implementation of a programme to prevent child abuse. Participation in the initiative for 16 days of activism against violence against women, in the spirit of the Secretary-General's

campaign to end violence against women and girls. Organization of activities to ensure a sustainable environment: a school competition on a number of themes relating to the environment and sustainable development, and teaching and awareness-raising brochures on environmental degradation.

7. Comité catholique contre la faim et pour le développement

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

The Comité catholique contre la faim et pour le développement (CCFD-Terre Solidaire) recognizes that human development is a prerequisite for combating hunger. It provides material and cultural resources to satisfy basic human needs. It works in partnership with civil society in 70 countries throughout the world.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

CCFD-Terre Solidaire aims to combat poverty and hunger and to support agents of social change in developing countries. To achieve these objectives, CCFD-Terre Solidaire relies on three strategies: (a) international programmes; (b) education for development; and (c) advocacy for its partners in French, European and international forums.

B. Significant changes in the organization

The Comité catholique contre la faim et pour le développement has changed its name to CCFD-Terre Solidaire and expanded its membership beyond its original 25 church-affiliated organizations.

II. Contribution to the activities of the United Nations

CCFD-Terre Solidaire supports associations for refugees and displaced persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Kosovo and Chechnya (Russian Federation). The Comité also actively supports Roma associations in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Romania, the Russian Federation and Serbia, as well as in France. It supported the project Afrique Verte (a long-standing partner of CCFD-Terre Solidaire) in Burkina Faso, Mali and the Niger, and finances the development and marketing of local grains. The Comité helps NGOs in Brazil and Indonesia to prepare technically and financially sound proposals.

A. Participation in the activities of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

CCFD-Terre Solidaire lobbied for the adoption of a resolution that would pave the way for an international arms trade treaty and attended the twelfth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, held in Accra in 2008, with

a view to submitting proposals on trade as a tool for development, the protection of regional markets and sound agricultural policy. It attended the high-level conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), held in Rome in June 2008, to present its proposals for addressing the food crisis, including a global partnership on food security, as well as the 2008 session of the FAO Committee on World Food Security. CCFD-Terre Solidaire organized, jointly with Amnesty International and Oxfam International, a side event on the circulation of weapons and the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. At the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha Review Conference), held in 2008, CCFD-Terre Solidaire supported proposals on the regulation of tax evasion. It signed civil society position papers at the 2009 Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, held in Doha.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

To reduce extreme poverty and hunger. CCFD-Terre Solidaire has worked jointly with the Mouvement pour une alliance paysanne au Togo on two agricultural sector projects, both of which are expected to have a strong social and economic impact.

To achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all, including women and young people. CCFD-Terre Solidaire supports the Indian organization Creative Handicrafts to improve the living conditions of women in slum communities.

To promote gender equality and empower women. In cooperation with Indeso Mujer in Rosario, Argentina, CCFD-Terre Solidaire supports projects to recognize women's rights, prevent violence and improve living conditions.

8. Consortium d'appui aux actions pour la promotion et le développement de l'Afrique

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

The main objective of the Consortium d'appui aux actions pour la promotion et le développement de l'Afrique (CAPDA) is to improve the living conditions of the poor through the promotion of local development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CAPDA aims to raise collective awareness among young people, women, craft workers and local communities about development in urban and rural areas through individual and group initiatives aimed at eradicating hunger and poverty. It offers support and guidance to young people experiencing financial hardship, and provides technical expertise and, where possible, financial assistance to those willing to help themselves by creating their own opportunities. CAPDA encourages people to

participate in development and establishes ties among target individuals and groups through collaboration, partnership and affiliation in order to achieve the organization's goals.

II. Contribution to the activities of the United Nations

CAPDA establishes teams of development promoters in rural areas to combat poverty through training and by building the capacities of rural women, associations and local communities. To this end, it helps to create enabling conditions for these vulnerable groups, in particular, young people, to gain access to the opportunities generated by globalization, including by giving villages access to information and communications technology.

A. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CAPDA works with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

CAPDA has been involved in several initiatives in line with the Millennium Development Goals in Central Africa (Central African Republic, Chad and Gabon), including a project that helps beneficiaries (girls, boys and women) to learn to read and write in French and/or several local languages. The creation of mobile literacy centres has made it possible for this project to reach 20,000 people. Another project involves teaching members of rural organizations in 10 villages to perform mathematical calculations, manage their income, verify and monitor expenses in respect of income-generating activities and manage their household budget. CAPDA works to reduce illiteracy in Central Africa. It also seeks to reduce waterborne diseases by improving rural populations' access to water, training management committees with regard to water sources and setting up drinking water systems. In 2008, CAPDA established a thematic group entitled "Education, training and employment group" within the general coordination office.

C. Additional information

Our organization has not had an opportunity to participate in the activities of the Council and its subsidiary bodies. Instead, we have focused on local development and social awareness-raising.

9. Génération recherche action et formation pour l'environnement

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

The association Génération recherche action et formation pour l'environnement, which was established in 1995 and is headquartered in Rolle, Switzerland, participates in initiatives benefiting the populations of the South (particularly Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal).

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The association establishes appropriate mechanisms to encourage and sustain the establishment of small- and medium-sized enterprises in various sectors of the informal economy (including trade, culture, livestock and handicrafts) in both rural and urban environments. To achieve its aims, the association largely makes use of microcredit and donations; for example, by providing water filters to villages cut off from transportation routes.

B. Significant changes in the organization

In Senegal, the $125,000 already invested in 2006 was doubled during the period 2006-2009. In Burkina Faso, total investments reached $75,000 by the end of 2009. In Côte d'Ivoire, owing to the political turmoil, an additional $10,000 was added to the $32,500 already invested in 2006. These investments had the greatest impact on rural development, particularly on the rehabilitation of natural resources. Moreover, as a result of this financial support, as well as the improved rainfall seen in Burkina Faso and Senegal since 2009, it has been possible to cultivate much of the land that had been abandoned because of salinity, thereby increasing grain and feed production.

II. Contribution to the activities of the United Nations

A. Participation in the activities of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

Participation in the annual session of the Council, in Geneva, Switzerland, 2007; in the World Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty, in Berne, 2008; and in the eighth and tenth sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Apart from the association's regular interaction with the NGO Liaison Office at Geneva, local meetings are held in each country with representatives of the

United Nations system and UNDP in particular, given its involvement in managing the association's funding programme.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

At the close of the 2009 fiscal year, 2,195 microcredit loans had been arranged in Senegal, 267 in Burkina Faso and 111 in Côte d'Ivoire (note: before 2006, 5,508 microcredit loans had been granted and paid off). In Senegal, 3,200 hectares of land affected by salt water were rehabilitated and 1,400 hectares of such land were rehabilitated in Burkina Faso. Equipment to make drinking water safe was purchased, delivered to and installed in the Senegal river valley, where around 8,000 people were threatened by waterborne diseases. A microfinance project was also implemented to promote access to the economy for persons ineligible to apply for bank credit so that they could engage in income-generating activities, employment and training.

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1. Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies

Special; 2006

I. Introduction

The Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies is an association of self-governing, community-based organizations that work with and for women and girls in the justice system, particularly the marginalized, victimized, criminalized and institutionalized.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association's aim is to ensure equality in the delivery and development of services and programmes through public education, research, legislative and administrative reform nationally, regionally and internationally. Its goals are to reduce the number of women imprisoned in Canada; to increase the availability of community-based, publicly funded, social service, health and educational resources for such women; and to work collaboratively with Elizabeth Fry Societies and other women's groups to address poverty, racism and other forms of oppression.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association worked with other non-governmental organizations to advocate for the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

None.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

None.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The Association works in cooperation with anti-poverty groups in Canada to support the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger.

Goal 2. Members of the Association provide early intervention and educational initiatives throughout Canada, including read-aloud programmes for the children of women in prison and detention facilities.

Goal 3. The Association promotes gender equality and the empowerment of women through advocacy, litigation, policy and legislative reform initiatives, and academic and practical research, as well as through programmes and service delivery. The Association developed manuals for women in federal prisons, provincial jails and detention centres to increase the ability of women in prison and the organizations involved to rectify injustices and create permanent change. The Association also worked on strategies for the release from prison of Aboriginal women. Since 2006, it has conducted orientation sessions for women detained in federal, provincial and territorial jails.

Goal 5. The Association works in cooperation with health advocacy groups to promote the improvement of maternal health, including in prisons and detention facilities.

Goal 6. In collaboration with health advocacy groups, to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, the Association promotes the use of universal precautions and harm reduction approaches in prisons and detention centres.

2. Canadian Federation of University Women

Special; 1998

I. Introduction

The Canadian Federation of University Women is an organization of 10,000 women graduates, students and associate members that advocates for and takes action on issues important to women and girls. It provides fellowships and awards to women for post-graduate education and collaborates with other national and international organizations on social justice issues.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The Federation works to advance issues of concern to women and girls, in particular in the areas of peace and security; education; economics; social, political and cultural spheres; the environment; health; and justice and human rights. It works in concert with the International Federation of University Women to carry out its policies, and contributes to statements the International Federation presents to the Human Rights Council and other United Nations bodies.

B. Significant changes in the organization

In 2008, the organization expanded its membership eligibility criteria, allowing its membership to be drawn from a wider demographic.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, representatives of the organization participated in meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women. It also participated in meetings of the Sectoral Committee on Education at the Canadian Commission to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. As a follow-up to the meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women and UNESCO, the organization adopted resolutions for use in its advocacy on a wide range of issues. The Canadian Federation forwarded four resolutions to the 2007 conference of the International Federation for adoption and use by that organization's affiliates and representatives to the United Nations. In addition, during the period the organization advocated for such issues as human rights in Afghanistan, peace in Darfur, prevention of trafficking in women and children, a day for the elimination of violence against women and Human Rights Day.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization is represented by the International Federation of University Women in United Nations forums. The organization's members have also presented workshop sessions at the Commission on the Status of Women.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2008, the Canadian Federation of University Women, in a submission to the Human Rights Council regarding the 2009 universal periodic review of Canada, advocated for the elimination of barriers to the advancement of women; called for transparent, effective and accountable means of ensuring that the commitments of Canada were implemented, including those relating to the Beijing Platform for Action and the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. In 2009, the organization wrote the environmental section in a joint statement by Canadian women's groups concerning the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The organization has also participated in campaigns to end violence against women and to support the amalgamation of the four United Nations women's agencies into a single gender entity.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. As part of the International Women's Day project for 2007, the Canadian Federation of University Women's Clubs raised money to build wells and provide clean water to villages in Africa; the organization also supports Campaign 2000 to eliminate child poverty in Canada.

Goal 2. The organization raised funds to support teachers for girls in Afghanistan and promoted resolutions to promote equal opportunity to education for all, among others.

Goal 3. To promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, the organization called for the restoration of internationally used language in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in 2009; urged the Government of Canada to increase official development assistance (ODA) to its promised level of 0.7 per cent of gross national income (GNI) and designate a significant portion for Goal 3; appeared as a witness at the hearings of the Federal Government on the relevance of the budget to women; and adopted a resolution on an oversight mechanism for Federal women's prisons to achieve fair and equitable treatment and rehabilitation for women prisoners in 2007.

Goals 4 and 5. The organization donated to relief efforts for victims of the earthquake in Haiti; called for foreign aid funding for all aspects of maternal care, and for action on polygamy and its effects on girls and women in British Columbia; and also advocated for homeless youth and the protection of victims of human trafficking.

Goal 6. The organization promoted HIV/AIDS education in many ways, including devoting a regional conference to the issue in May 2008.

Goal 7. In one region, the organization has taken ongoing action on the issue of water, particularly with regard to the Great Lakes Basin; and in 2007 it adopted resolutions that dealt with remedying environmental damage caused by military activities, and with the practices of Canadian extractive industries abroad.

Goal 8. The organization worked in partnership with CARE Canada to support the empowerment of women and sustainable communities for women.

3. Danish Association for Gays and Lesbians

Special; 2006

I. Introduction

The Danish National Association for Gays and Lesbians (Landsforeningen for Bøsser og Lesbiske) is based in Copenhagen. In a letter dated 21 May 2010, the Association informed the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations that its name had been changed.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to work for the liberation at all levels of society of gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered (LGBT) persons. Its main courses of action are as follows: (a) to campaign for the human rights of gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered persons at the local, national and international levels; (b) to influence political decision-making at the local, national and international levels; (c) to provide information through magazines, newsletters, web-based services and leaflets; (d) to provide counselling services; and (e) to implement projects.

B. Significant changes in the organization

In 2008 transgendered people were included in the aims of the organization. In 2009 its name was changed to LGBT Denmark: The National Organization for Gay Men, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered Persons.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2007 the organization published a handbook concerning United Nations accreditation for LGBT organizations. The handbook has been published on the organization's website and on the website of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association. All major human rights events of the United Nations and the organization's involvement in United Nations events are reported on its website.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

On behalf of the organization, statements were delivered to the Human Rights Council in Geneva in 2007; twice in 2008; and twice in 2009.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

None.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has developed a strategy on the improvement of human rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered persons in the global South. Every year the organization celebrates the International Day Against Homophobia, and together with HIV/AIDS organizations, marks World AIDS Day.

4. Dayemi Complex Bangladesh

Special; 1998

I. Introduction

Dayemi Complex Bangladesh provides assistance to the poor and distressed, including the rehabilitation of people rendered homeless owing to river erosion, floods, cyclones and other natural calamities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is working on humanitarian projects in Bangladesh including rehabilitation of the following: orphan children in rural areas, through education and vocational training for an income-generating programme; of distressed women, with vocational training for income-generating programmes; and of men and women of the tribal area of the Chittagong Division, through microcredit programmes. The organization provides assistance with sanitation, drinking water and education for the prevention of HIV/AIDS at 200 locations in rural Bangladesh. It also promotes agricultural development, fisheries and poultry farming for unemployed young men and women.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

None.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

None.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

From 2007 to 2017, the organization is implementing a ten-year pilot plan to uplift, rehabilitate and develop tribal areas, including the integration of beggars and the tribal men and women of the Chittagong Hill Tracts, into the mainstream of society; and to rehabilitate unemployed young men and women, orphans, and disaster-affected men, women and children throughout Bangladesh.

5. Eco-Ecolo

Special; 2006

I. Introduction

Eco-Ecolo focuses on promoting an integrated approach to natural stock management and durable systems of production through conservation and improvement of the environment. Its members include seven women and seven men.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of Eco-Ecolo is to focus on human development based on an ecologically friendly environment. The objective is to contribute to the sustainable development of human resources.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

None.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

Eco-Ecolo works with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Benin.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

As part of the organization's development objectives, many of its projects support environmental protection.

6. Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres

Special; 2002

I. Introduction

The Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres is an independent charitable organization based in Hong Kong, China. It is a pioneer in women's services, setting up the first women's hotline, the first multi-service women's centre and the first free legal advice clinic for women in Hong Kong.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to promote the rights and status of women; help women to develop their individual potential; collaborate and coordinate with agencies and groups concerned with women's issues; and provide advice to decision-making bodies on the needs and resource requirements for women's services. To achieve those aims, the Federation adopts a holistic and women-centred approach to its multidimensional services, and works with social institutions and the Government.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Major activities during the reporting period included conducting activities and publishing booklets to educate the public about the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and contributing to the Panel on Health Services of the Legislative Council, in response to the Advisory Council on AIDS recommended strategies for Hong Kong, 2007-2011.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

Representatives of the organization, in collaboration with other local women's groups, wrote and submitted to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, prior to its hearings on China in 2006, a report urging the Government to enhance the authority and resources of the Women's Commission so that it could become a central mechanism with the power to promote gender mainstreaming.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In response to the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, in 2007, the organization launched a community education programme to deliver messages against domestic violence and in support of equality in the family. In 2006, the Director attended the sixth East Asian Women's Forum in Beijing, where she gave a presentation on women and social protection and highlighted the need to add a clause about affirming the value of unpaid housework. The organization also joined the Hong Kong Region Preparatory Committee for the seventh East Asian Women's Forum.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The organization provided 1,419 women with job training, and 966 successfully obtained jobs through its job-matching services. In addition, two women's cooperatives were established.

Goal 3. The organization's hotline handled thousands of calls and provided free legal counselling to women; education and training were provided in law, information technology, civil education, life skills, and the occupational safety and health of domestic workers and unpaid homemakers; nearly 14,000 women participated in a project on sustainable development of the community.

Goal 6. Women with sexually transmitted illnesses participated in a project to promote sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention for women; to commemorate World AIDS Day 2007, the organization held an education campaign in the community to promote the sexual health of women.

7. Humanity First

Special; 2006

I. Introduction

Humanity First is an independent registered charity in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that includes offices in 33 countries across six continents. It provides disaster relief and long-term projects to assist vulnerable communities to become independent.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

Humanity First is a non-political, non-religious, non-sectarian international relief and development agency that works with the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. Its objectives are as follows: to relieve suffering caused by natural disasters or human conflict; to promote peace and understanding based upon mutual tolerance and respect; and to strengthen people's capacity to help themselves.

B. Significant changes in the organization

In the last four years, Humanity First has been registered in a number of new countries. It is also working actively to establish a single set of global standard operating procedures covering marketing and fund-raising, finance and governance, disaster response and operations. It established a disaster relief manual to encode best practices. The organization now runs a training course in disaster relief in collaboration with the United Kingdom International Search and Rescue Team.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Humanity First has worked with the United Nations on a number of projects, providing a range of skills and contributing a total of $44,500 to various projects, including the following: in 2010, relief activities in collaboration with the United Nations mission following the earthquake in Haiti; following landslides in Uganda in 2010, medical services for refugees at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) camp in Bulucheke; in 2009, support for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) for the distribution of emergency aid packages in the Gaza Strip; relief efforts in Rangabali, Bangladesh, following the 2007 cyclone; and, in 2005-2006 following the earthquake in Pakistan, in addition to contributing to a trust fund for disaster relief, coordination of relief activities with the United Nations. Humanity First also contributed to the Central Emergency Response Fund in 2008.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

Humanity First regularly attends consultative meetings at Headquarters in New York and Geneva. It has collaborated with the United Nations in Lesotho on vocational training programmes in Africa. The organization regularly participates in United Nations meetings in response to disasters such as the earthquake in Haiti in 2010.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Humanity First cooperates with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on projects to promote greater use of information technology in Africa; with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on specific projects in the Philippines, Solomon Islands and Uganda; with UNRWA on relief services for Palestinian refugees in the Gaza Strip; with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in such human conflict situations as those in Pakistan, Rwanda, the Balkans and the Occupied Palestinian Territory; with the World Health Organization (WHO); and with the World Food Programme (WFP).

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. Humanity First trained 20,700 people in vocational skills; managed 23 vocational training centres in 12 countries; and provided long-term food and rations to over 45,000 vulnerable people.

Goal 2. The organization supported 49 schools and 30,000 students, 47 per cent of whom were girls.

Goal 3. The organization established six sewing skills centres.

Goal 4. The organization trained 1,200 clinicians in new techniques for maternal and neonatal care in Daobase, Ghana.

Goal 5. The organization trained doctors in Uganda.

Goal 7. The organization installed hand pumps and water plants in Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Ghana, Haiti, Indonesia, Kenya, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sierra Leone and Uganda.

8. International Investment Centre

Special; 1998

I. Introduction

The International Investment Centre is a non-profit organization working actively in the Russian Federation, the Commonwealth of Independent States, the European Union and the United States. The Centre's activities are based on the principles of volunteering, equal rights, self-government and lawfulness.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Centre's goals are to secure sustainable economic and democratic development; assist in the development of small- and medium-sized businesses; assist in the protection of human rights; assist in the development of education; and assist the United Nations in fulfilling its goals. The Centre's primary tasks are to internationalize small businesses; implement financial programmes for small- and medium-sized businesses; support educational programmes for women's empowerment; assist in the development of programmes for information and communications technology; and distribute information about the activities of the United Nations.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2008-2009, the Centre participated in a United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Volunteers study and actively promoted volunteerism in the Russian Federation.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

Representatives of the Centre attended the following events, among others: the Civil Society Forum to the High-Level Segment of the Economic and Social Council, held in Geneva in 2006; the Human Rights Council, on various occasions in 2006, 2007 and 2008; the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva in 2007; Economic Commission for Europe sessions on public-private partnerships, held in Geneva and Moscow in 2008; meetings in the Federation Council on the interaction of non-profit organizations in the Russian Federation with the Council, in Moscow in 2008; and the Durban Review Conference in 2009.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Centre collaborated with the Economic Commission for Europe in the multiplier point programme from 2006 to 2009; implemented a project in collaboration with the UNDP global inclusive market programme in 2009; and provided technical assistance to UNDP in preparation for the Synergia Business Forum in Athens in 2009.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The Centre undertook major actions in relation to the Goals in Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and the Russian Federation, as follows:

Goal 1. The organization implemented the young talents programme, providing training in arts and crafts for young rural people and unemployed low-income

women; trained more than 50 people in craftsmanship, design and e-commerce; and conducted research on peacebuilding and economic recovery in the aftermath of the conflict in North Ossetia, Russian Federation, in 2009.

Goal 3. The organization conducted seminars on women's leadership in 2006; published articles on women in politics: the gender dimension of quality of life and on the international legal aspects of women's rights defence in the context of Russian politics in 2006.

Goal 6. The organization promoted HIV/AIDS treatment programmes by enabling children's artwork to be printed as postcards for a World AIDS Day exhibition in the Netherlands and Belgium in 2009, and by supporting the creation of an e-learning course on peer education in HIV programmes in 2009.

Goal 8. The organization implemented an e-commerce programme for small businesses with the Veneto Chamber of Commerce in Italy, from 2008 to 2009.

9. Korean Federation for Environmental Movement

Special; 1998

I. Introduction

With offices in every province and major city in the Republic of Korea, the Korean Federation for Environmental Movement is a grass-roots organization with national reach and an international perspective.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The Federation aims to protect the environmental rights enshrined in the constitution; publicize information on environmental issues; contribute to the development of regional autonomy to ensure that government policies reflect the concerns of local citizens; and ensure widespread participation of citizens in the environmental movement.

B. Significant changes in the organization

Doyosae, the Federation's publishing house, created in 2000, became independent from the organization in 2006. The Environmental Education Centre changed its status from an auxiliary organization to a cooperative organization during the Foundation's general assembly in 2009 and is therefore no longer a member of its general assembly.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

Representatives of the organization participated as follows: (a) attended the twelfth session of the United Nations Climate Change Conference, held at Nairobi in 2006; the thirteenth session, held in Bali, Indonesia, in 2007; and the fifteenth session, held in Copenhagen, in 2009; (b) attended the Asia Pacific Regional Civil Society Meeting, organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), held in Seoul in 2007; and (c) attended the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in Bonn, Germany, in 2008.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme and the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Federation organized three workshops to improve the wetlands conservation policy in Changwon, Republic of Korea, during the period 2007-2008. It submitted recommendations to UNEP in 2009 on the Four Major Rivers Restoration Project initiated by the Government of the Republic of Korea.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization undertook the following activities in line with **Goal 7**: it encouraged university students to plant crops in Inner Mongolia, China, to combat desertification in 2006, 2007 and 2008; conducted field research and raised public awareness on water scarcity and its influence on women in 2007; campaigned to ban asbestos in the Republic of Korea in 2008-2009 and took the lead in enacting the law on asbestos; raised public awareness on ecosystem conservation in 2007, 2008 and 2009, particularly with regard to the Grand Canal and Four Major Rivers projects initiated by the Government of Korea, which have led to the destruction of the rivers.

10. National Foundation for Women Legislators

Special; 2006

I. Introduction

The National Foundation for Women Legislators, with headquarters in Washington, D.C., is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that empowers elected women at all levels of government through education, leadership training, coalition building and communications opportunities. The membership consists of members of the National Order of Women Legislators, including current and former elected women officials.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the Foundation is to provide strategic resources to women leaders for leadership development and effective governance through conferences, seminars, educational materials, professional and personal relationships, and networking at the local, state, federal, and international levels. Its annual conference is a national forum designed to encourage the building of alliances among elected women, industry leaders and issue experts. The goal of the conference is to intellectually equip elected women to shape public opinion and prepare for legislative debates.

B. Significant changes in the organization

Over the next year, the Foundation is planning to initiate development work in Bangladesh, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Indonesia.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation contributes to the goals of the Commission on the Status of Women, including gender equality and the advancement of women, and has promoted action on human trafficking and HIV/AIDS awareness, prevention, and treatment. The women that the organization supports recognize the importance of many of the issues that the United Nations works to promote.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The staff and members of the Foundation frequently work with other non-governmental organizations accredited to the United Nations.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

None.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 3. The organization works broadly on women's empowerment issues, especially embracing equal educational, professional and political opportunity for all women, including in rural areas. It has undertaken numerous policy initiatives regarding women's equality in education and professional development and representatives have travelled to Bahrain, Iraq and Taiwan Province of China to reach out to and empower women political candidates, heads of non-governmental organizations and community and business leaders. International programming has included mentoring and outreach to women political candidates, elected and appointed leaders, and entrepreneurs around the world. The organization also

arranges educational meetings, trips and networking events for visiting women leaders and their American women counterparts.

Goal 6. In support of World AIDS Day, the Foundation partnered with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, through the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Goal 8. The organization has highlighted commercial and economic empowerment as high points on the agenda for all international work the Foundation undertakes.